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July 9, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 11, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s)
previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is
attached.

1. (*Amended*) A method of manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising:
- a first step of depositing a first film and a second film on a conductive layer in this
order and etching a desired portion of the second film with a first etching gas until the
first film is exposed, the first film being made of one of a silicon nitride film and a silicon
nitride oxide film, the second film being made of a silicon oxide film;

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☒ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment 15 minus highest number
previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = 0 x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment 2 minus highest number
previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00 \$ 0.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this
paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$410.00/2 months; \$930.00/3 months) \$ 0.00

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00

☐ First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$750.00) \$ 0.00

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☐ Submission attached

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 0.00

Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00

Other: 0.00

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 0.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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